

May 10, 2020



Lilacs, perfection!
Nothing could be any sweeter!
Hope to smell them soon! Tracey

UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

[Click Here to Join Our Worship Services at 10:00 AM](#)

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Mother's Day, Mother Earth, Healing Covid

Feminine energy has always been about nurturing and healing. In this sermon, we will not only celebrate Mother's Day but we will also celebrate the nurturing and healing nature of our Mother Earth, and look at the ways that she is healing us, and the earth, in this weird age of Covid.

Worship Leader: Rev. Donald Stouder

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

May 17, 2020

The Moral Imagination in the Time of Pandemic

A former supervisor once said to me: "I am not interested in how people behave when things are good. I am interested in how they behave when things are difficult."

It has stayed with me for 40 years, that may be THE reason we should be here now.

The Annual Meeting will follow this service on The ZOOM Platform.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

May 24, 2020

TBD

Worship Leader: Dr. Jeralyn Brossfield

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

May 31, 2020

All My Boyfriends Have Cats

We have all been through a terribly difficult and frightening period in our lives, with an uncertain future. We need tools to process our feelings and emotions, and one of the best ways to do that is with Expressive Writing. In a previous sermon, Rev. Don spoke of using poetry workshops for this purpose. Join us this Sunday, along with your favorite journal and pen, as Rev. Don conducts a whimsical mini-version of a workshop virtually, and learn some great tools for personal recovery and growth. No experience required!

Worship Leader: Rev. Donald Stouder

Worship Associate: Peter Mathews

COLLECTIONS BASKET

CALENDAR

Friday, May 8

11:00 am-Coffee and Conversation-**ZOOM Meeting**

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm-Social BUUtterflies-**ZOOM Meeting**

Sunday, May 10

10:00 am-Worship Service-**Live Streaming**

11:30 am-Finance Committee-**ZOOM Meeting**

Tuesday, May 12

1:00 pm-Stewardship Committee-**ZOOM Meeting**

5:30 pm-Membership Committee-**ZOOM Meeting**

Thursday, May 14

12:00 pm-Loving Kindness Meditation-**ZOOM Meeting**

6:30 pm-Social Justice Committee-**ZOOM Meeting**

Friday, May 15

11:00 am-Coffee and Conversation-**ZOOM Meeting**

Saturday, May 16

5:00 pm-Social BUUtterflies-**ZOOM Meeting**

EVENTS

May 17 -- Annual Congregational Meeting

NOTICE: The Annual Congregational Meeting is now scheduled for Sunday May 17, 2020 following the Online Worship Service. You will receive more information regarding this Virtual ZOOM Congregational Meeting in the coming weeks.

This is a very important annual meeting where we hear from our Minister, President and our Standing Committee's. The Nominating Committee will present for your approval their proposed slate of candidates for Board positions for the coming year. Our Treasurer will present for your approval a budget for the coming year. This year you will also be voting on a proposed slate of Share the Plate recipients from our Social Justice Committee.

July 11 -- Harvey Milk Breakfast, Palm Springs Convention Center

UUCOD is sponsoring a table of 10. See Jane Zaun for details.

STAYING CONNECTED

All links to Zoom meetings are removed from the web version of the newsletter. please use these links to access Zoom Meeting. Some links have changed to include passwords.

Loving Kindness Meditation

***Thursdays in May
@ 12:00 - 12:30 pm***

***Weekly Online, Drop in
hosted by Reverend Barbara***

Loving Kindness meditation focuses on sending positive energy towards yourself and others. In these times when we are sheltering in place, it can increase positive emotions and feelings of social connection.

Coffee and Conversation A Reading and Get Together

***Fridays in May
@ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm***

***Weekly Online Gathering
hosted by Peter Mathews***

Please join Peter every Friday for a reading and get together. It is an interesting time we find ourselves in. We'd love to hear what's coming up for you, and maybe share a solution or two.

We look forward to connecting with you online.

Social BUUterflies - Happy Hour

***Saturdays in May
@ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm***

***Weekly Online Gathering
hosted by Sheryl Eaton***

Join your UUCOD friends each Saturday through May at 5:00 pm for a virtual Happy Hour. Everyone's invited! Hope to see you Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Sunday

The comments from Facebook say it all about the success of Music Sunday on May 3.

- What a fantastic, amazing, magnificent Music Service.
- Great service! Appreciate the variety of music from classical to pop in a little bit of gospel.

- I went through several tissues! Wow, thanks to everyone who worked on this amazing service.
- Thank you ALL who made it possible! It was such a lovely morning, as I sat on my patio after my morning swim, waiting for 10:00. I decided to "attend" church on my patio too.

Thank you to all who contributed generously. All donations were designated for the Music Fund and totaled **\$1,781.00!**

Summer Directory:

Anyone that is not currently a member who wants to be in the directory to submit their name, phone address and email. Or members and friends who have moved or have changed their current information in any way (i.e. dropped their landline or moved or other information). Questions? Contact Randy or Marion.

ZOOM SCHEDULING REMINDER!

Please be sure to contact Carol Lavoie at mclavoie@aol.com to confirm that the time you wish to reserve for your zoom meeting is open. Checking the zoom schedule online and reserving without contacting Carol has caused some difficulties.

News from the Care Team:

"These are often confusing and hard times for all- if you find yourself angry, hurt or sad please know we are here to listen. Please call and contact us at these numbers so we may offer our ear, empathy, and hopefully help." Bryna Blum the Committee Chair and Frank Riela are on duty for the Care Team for the months of May and June. Anyone in need of support, please feel free to reach out to either *Frank* or *Bryna Blum*
We are here for you...
Bryna

SOCIAL JUSTICE

UUCOD the VOTE (Article 5)

First, if you have not mailed your ballot in the special election for State Senate District 28, do so NOW! Your ballot must be postmarked by May 12, 2020. Visit www.voteinfo.net for more information.

Guess what's happening in just under 6 months? Yes, you're right. It will be Election Day on Nov. 3, less than 6 months from today. As a nation, we will vote for a President, 35 Senators and all 435 members of the House of Representatives as well as voting for state and local officials. You are certainly planning to vote on Election Day! What are YOU doing until November 3? Here are some ideas!

UU the VOTE -- (National UU mobilization effort for the 2020 election): "Participating in our democracy is not only about our fifth principle. As UUs, our deepest beliefs are a life-giving, lifesaving, life-sustaining alternative to the narratives and policies of domination, supremacy, exceptionalism, and exploitation that are on the rise." - From "UU the Vote" Web Page---get more information: <https://www.uua.org/justice/vote2020?pn=2>

UU the VOTE is holding a webinar "How We Thrive" on May 12, 2020 (4 pm Pacific). This event will feature musicians from across the country, a message from UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, and opportunities for you to get involved and make meaningful impacts in 2020! This event is open to all and will provide information and inspiration for getting involved. More information and sign up at: <https://secure.everyaction.com/Q7gv-XyC2ke12BvUwImgLQ2?sourceid=1030932>

Act this week: Use the following link to urge elected officials to "expand ballot access and keep voters safe from COVID-19". <https://nextgenamerica.org/act/ballot-access/?fbclid=IwAR1bhSVRWIVIk3GSU4VveTd1WTZthtfw4DHrsE1OCrydwcFFCayRcwAewA >. The link will take you to a page provided by NexGen America (organization founded by Tom Steyer).

Legislation has been proposed in the US Senate to support election protection changes prior to the November 2020 election, and other proposals are being discussed as part of the COVID 19 legislation. Support action now so that protections can be implemented in time for the 2020 election!

Learn more about voting issues: View the documentary film “Kill Chain: The Cyber War on America's Elections” (1 hour 31 minutes). Watch free on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/3c8LMZ8UGd8>

In advance of the Fall 2020 Presidential election, this film takes a deep dive into the weaknesses of today's election technology, investigating the startling vulnerabilities in America's voting systems and the alarming risks they pose to our democracy.

Newsletter Deadlines: The deadline for the Newsletter is always Wednesday morning. If you are going to be late, call or email the Administrator at admin@uucod.org asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3:00 pm, Fridays.

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